

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place - Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
September 1, 2015
8:30 a.m.

Keith A. Puckett, Chairman
John Simon, Vice-Chairman
Randall C. Braddock, Commissioner
Michael W. Lewis, Commissioner
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner
Rob Gale, Attorney
Angie Moser, County Clerk

Commissioner Puckett called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all Commissioners present.

AGENDA: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Simon moved to approve the August 18, 2015 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

Attorney Gale joined the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

TAMARISK GOLF COURSE: Tim Kohart, Tamarisk Golf Course Board Member, informed that Tom Simpson was finally able to get in contact with the individual that is going to do the pump repair. Mr. Kohart also presented an updated financial statement for the Golf Course. Commissioner Simon moved to pay Tamarisk Golf Course \$10,000.00 for operating funds. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Also, discussed concerns of the blowing dirt from the Huber Sand pits coming onto the golf course greens. Attorney Gale will write a letter to Huber Sand Company on behalf of the County and the Golf Course.

ALAN HANSON: Mr. Hanson, EMS Director, presented a \$25,000.00 grant application from USDA to apply for funds to help pay for a power lift stretcher. Mr. Hanson is also checking into other grants to help with additional costs. The Commissioners advised Mr. Hanson to proceed with the grant application process.

KERSTIN MITCHELL: Ms. Mitchell, Rural Operations Secretary, presented a proposal from Kirkham Michael to perform the County's biennial routine bridge inspection, for the total amount of \$4,070.00, which includes inspection of 22 bridges at \$185.00 each. Commissioner Braddock moved to accept the Agreement for Engineering Services from Kirkham Michael in the amount of \$4,070.00. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Also discussed a bid received from Stanton County Road Department to repair Road 36, which recommends taking out the culvert and placing a cement box structure with an approximate cost of \$32,000.00. The Commissioners asked Ms. Mitchell to contact Hamilton County's Engineering Firm, Kirkham & Michael, to have them look at Road 36 to give their opinion on how to address the issue. The Commissioners asked Ms. Mitchell to contact Kirkham & Michael to check on the status of the bid publishing to dig the new landfill pit.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed. Discussed Road Department equipment needs and the possibility of taking the bed off one of the bob tail trucks and putting a fifth-wheel on it.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed. Commissioner Schwerdfeger voiced her concerns of the Road Crew using too much gravel on Road B causing it to be rough and a safety concern.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT: It was decided to have Rich Lynam, Road Foremen, to attend the Commissioner Meeting once a month to discuss the Roads.

HEATING & AC BIDS: The County Clerk presented two bids she received for the annual Heating and A/C Maintenance. One bid was from Rich's Refrigeration in the amount of \$8,000.00 and the other bid was from Big Dog Heating & Cooling, Inc. in the amount of \$12,000.00. Commissioner Braddock moved to accept the bid from Rich's Refrigeration in the amount of \$8,000.00. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$127,143.83. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Braddock informed that he participated in a KLPG phone conference regarding oil companies paying taxes under protest and appealing to the Court of Tax Appeals, which affects County valuation. The Kansas Department of Revenue informed they do not agree with the Court of Tax Appeals. KLPG has agreed to participate in research and possible litigation on the issue. Commissioner Braddock also discussed the cost of hopper bait. Commissioner Simon discussed a possible site for Skyland Grain to use for temporary milo storage. Commissioner Puckett informed that he attended Tim Huelskamp's town hall meeting and that Representative Huelskamp reported that the Lesser Prairie Chicken may be delisted as an endangered species.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Lewis moved for adjournment. Commissioner Braddock seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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